

# Badlands

Badlands National Park  
South Dakota



## Accessible to All



### Visitor Center



The Ben Reifel Visitor Center is open year round, offers reserved parking and is accessible by ramping to all entrance points. The restrooms, drinking fountains, information desk and exhibits are wheelchair accessible. The introductory film is open captioned.

### Campgrounds



The Cedar Pass Campground has two sites that are fully accessible by wheelchair. These sites are designated for wheelchair users but are available on a first-come, first-served basis. They may not be available if the campground is full. Many campsites are level and negotiable by wheelchair users. In summer, accessible restrooms with cold running water are available. In the winter months, an accessible vault toilet is provided. The campground office is accessible by wheelchair. The pay telephone is equipped with volume control.

The Sage Creek Campground offers a rustic camping experience with no water and accessible vault toilets. The area is fairly level, although wheelchair users may need assistance over the rough terrain.

### Picnicking



The Bigfoot Pass Picnic Area has reserved parking, ramps, and an accessible vault toilet. Tables are usable by the physically disabled. The Conata Picnic Area has an accessible vault toilet but the terrain is quite rough.

## Trails



Fossil Exhibit Trail, a one-quarter mile loop, features replicas of Badlands fossils. Reserved parking is available. The boardwalk trail is accessible by wheelchair. The trail grade is 2%.

Window Trail is a one-quarter mile trail leading to an outstanding Badlands view. Reserved parking is available. The boardwalk trail is accessible by wheelchair. The trail grade averages 4%.

Door Trail, a three-quarter mile round trip route, is accessible boardwalk for the first 200 meters where travellers will find an excellent Badlands view and benches. Wayside exhibits explain area geology. The rest of the trail is not accessible by wheelchair but is relatively flat except for a few large steps. The trail grade averages 6%.

Cliff Shelf Nature Trail, a one-half mile loop, is accessible boardwalk for the first 100 meters where explorers will find benches and a view of the White River Valley. Wheelchair users may require help travelling up the access ramp, which is at a grade of 10%. The remainder of the trail is quite steep and requires use of stairs.

## Overlooks

Most scenic overlooks and wayside exhibits are accessible to wheelchair users. Where possible, reserved parking is provided. Visitors who use the park brochure, park newspaper, and Badlands Road Guide (available for purchase in the Ben Reifel Visitor Center bookstore) get an excellent overview of the park stories.

## Ranger Programs



The amphitheater at the Cedar Pass Campground is accessible by developed path from the parking area adjacent to the campground. Reserved parking is available. Evening programs are given nightly in summer.

Fossil Talks, presented at the Fossil Exhibit Trail in summer, are fully accessible. Other talks presented at overlooks and the Ben Reifel Visitor Center are also accessible.

Ranger-led hikes and walks are generally not wheelchair accessible due to the rugged Badlands terrain.

Check at the Visitor Center for information regarding accessibility and accommodations for other ranger-led activities.



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## Concession Facilities



Reserved parking, ramps, wide doors, and wide aisles make the Cedar Pass Lodge gift shop and dining room fully accessible. One cabin has been modified for full accessibility. For more information, contact Cedar Pass Lodge at (605) 433 - 5460.